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Terry Goddard to Speak in Tucson to Celebrate Older Americans Month

(Phoenix, Ariz. – April 24, 2008) Attorney General Terry Goddard will kick off Older American's Month at the Pima Council on Aging (PCOA) in Tucson on Wednesday, April 30. Goddard will talk about steps seniors can take to protect themselves from consumer fraud. Goddard will be joined by PCOA Executive Director Jim Murphy.

Each year since 1963, the month of May has been set aside to honor our country's oldest Americans. This year's theme is *Working Together for Strong, Healthy and Supportive Communities*. It is a month to celebrate the many contributions older citizens make to our community and the many opportunities each of us has to create healthier communities for all ages. Goddard will be meeting with seniors during May throughout Arizona to warn of common scams targeting seniors and provide tips to help them avoid being victims of fraud.

Event Information:

Who: Attorney General Terry Goddard

What: Protecting Arizona Seniors presentation

Where: Pima Council on Aging
8467 E. Broadway Blvd.
Tucson, Ariz.

When: Wednesday, April 30, 9 a.m.

Protecting Arizona's seniors from abuse and exploitation is an important function of the Attorney General's Office. Many Arizona seniors are vulnerable to physical abuse and neglect by caretakers, and many are targeted by people attempting to defraud them through home repair, living trust scams, bogus charities and other scams.

The Attorney General's Office has a network of satellite offices throughout Arizona to make it easy for citizens to access services. These offices are staffed by trained volunteers who can answer questions, help resolve consumer and civil rights problems and help file consumer complaints. Please visit the Attorney General's Web site at www.azag.gov for locations and phone numbers or to sign up to receive AG messages and scam alerts.

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